required information has been called for and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of more postal division in Orissa

15. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be plaased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some new postal divisions in Orissa;

(b) if so, the number of postal divisions set up in Orissa at present; and

(c) the new postal divisions proposed to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) At present eighteen Postal Divisions are functioning in Orissa.

(c) The question does not arise.

Linking of Cuttack and Bhubanaeshwar to local calls

16. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to replace the STD call system prevailing at present between Cuttack and Bhubaneshwar city in Orissa with local call system;

(b) whether the proposal given by the State Government in this regard has been pending since long; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to implement that proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Reducing money order charges

17. SHRI YEERA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce Money Order charges for amounts less than Rs. 1,500/-

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that charges for Money Orders have gone up steeply in the last few years; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to reduce such charges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Money Order Service is already being provided at subsidised rates. No further reduction of the money order charges is justified.

(c) The present rate of Money Order charges are effective from 11th June, 1990 and there has been no revision thereafter.

(d) Does not arise.

Delivery of Monty Orders

18. SHRI YEERA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the postal services have updated present system to ensure accurate and speedy delivery of money orders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this system is operational in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) (a) and (b) In order to provide speedy and more effective money order service, the Department